



# Lookout

The Southside Cellular On Patrol Newsletter



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## COP Refresher CLASS

We had another REFRESHER Class on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003. There were 32 in attendance and most took advantage of the extra ride-a-long. Scams, Gangs, Becoming a More Effective Observer, among other topics, were covered in great detail. Good questions were asked and everyone walked away with a plethora of unparalleled knowledge.

Now does that sound you really missed a good meeting?  
Better come to the next one.

## MILITARY DR. INFORMATION

We (SAPD & City Council) are in the process of going door-to-door on Military Dr. from IH-35 to IH-37 to see if the owners/managers would be interested in working closely with the SAPD and other city agencies in trying to curb the cruisers & speeders on Sunday nights. We realize this has been going on for over 20 years and if you have any ideas on how to help out with this problem please feel free to give us a call at 207-8964.

## Are You a senior...???

We are having a Senior Citizens Fraud Workshop on Sept.30, 2003 (Tuesday) at the Municipal Auditorium (basement) 100 Auditorium Circle, from 10AM - 3PM.

The workshop will cover topics like Fraud & Scams, Abuse&Violence against the elderly, 211,311, & 911 services, Identification thefts, Personal & Property Safety. The cost is \$5.00, which will go towards the B-B-Q plate from Grady's.

Door prizes will also be given out during the workshop. Registration starts at 8:30 AM. The workshop is sponsored by the Bexar County TRIAD, San Antonio Police Department, & the Bexar County Sheriff's Department. Contact person for this event is Greg Whitlock, at 207-8718.

## National Night Out

A big thanks to all the COP / Neighborhood groups who held a National Night Out party. Our SAFTE officers were running all over the Southside trying to show up to as many places as possible. And the food was great! I think we should have this once a month so we can all eat as well as we did that night. We can't wait until next year's parties. Keep up the good work.

## God Bless Our Troops

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## Code Compliance Issues

An owner of a dog, cat or ferret must have the animal vaccinated against rabies before four (4) months of age by a licensed veterinarian. The rabies vaccination must be repeated annually on or before the anniversary date of the previous vaccination.

Allowing weeds, grass or brush to grow more than 12 inches high and/or allowing an accumulation of trash and debris is a violation of City code.

If your lot is overgrown in excess of 48 inches in height it may be cleaned without prior notice to the property owner regardless of its' location in the City! The City may clean the lot by private contractor at the property owner's expense! A lien can be placed on the property for the cleaning fees plus a \$150.00 administrative fee.

Any inoperable motor vehicle without a current safety inspection sticker or current license plate can be considered a junked motor vehicle.

A permit must be obtained and displayed at all garage sale activities. Garage sales are limited to two a year; other restrictions apply.

Parking of motor vehicles on the front lawn is not allowed in a residential zone. A parking citation may be issued resulting in a fine of up to \$200.00.

All of us are responsible for keeping our property clear of trash, debris and overgrown vegetation. If your home is served by an alley, you are responsible for its maintenance from the middle of the alley to the front of the street.

## NEW C.O.P. Class

We will be having our first C.O.P. class of the new '03 - '04 Fiscal Year on Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. If you or anyone you know would like to attend the class please call Scott Hermes as soon as possible @ 207-6085 so we can get you all set up to join us for class.

## Cultural Arts Fair

The Harlandale I.S.D. is sponsoring their annual Cultural Arts Fair on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003. There will be a parade from Mission San Jose to Harlandale Memorial Stadium at 9:00 a.m. More Arts and Crafts at the Mission is planned for the day.

## What's Wrong With Being A Cowboy?

One of the accusations aimed at President Bush by his detractors is to call him a "cowboy," as if this is some mark of shame, implying something sinister or simple-minded. I keep wondering why. Have you ever watched a rodeo?

They've started interviewing the contestants after they compete, giving the audience a little glimpse into the character of these athletes, something like the ones conducted preceding title fights and following basketball and football games.

They go something like this; "Cody, you made a spectacular ride, which moves you into first place. How do you feel about your position as the number one bull-rider in the country?" "Well, ma'am, (notice the use of a term of respect, a vanishing social custom among most Americans under the age of 30), I've been real lucky. I've drawn some good bulls and everything has fallen into place for me this year. Some of my competitors have had some injuries and bad luck. I just hope I can stay healthy." Before his closest competitor comes out of the chute, this cowboy then climbs up on the fence and helps him tie on his rigging. He gives that same guy a high five at the side of the arena when he's beaten by two points on the ride he helped him prepare for. How many times have you seen an arena full of rodeo fans take to the streets following a competition and set fire to cars or hold an impromptu riot because they felt dissatisfied with the final outcome, as Michigan State students recently did? There is no booing of officials when scores are announced. I've never heard of a contested call by any competitor, even when it meant the difference between winning and losing....Cowboys don't whine.

Cowboys regularly loan each other equipment and even horses, frequently valued at \$50,000 to \$100,000 per animals, when a fellow competitor's ride didn't arrive in time for tonight's roping or bulldogging or whatever. When 'The Star Spangled Banner' is played, to a man and woman they rise to their feet and put their hats over their hearts in respect. They don't wear T-shirts bearing offensive sexual messages.

When a cowboy (or cowgirl) is injured, the rest hold fundraisers and donate time and money to help him or her and their families through a rough financial time. A lifetime achievement is the day when a contestant reaches \$1 million in earnings. To reach that goal, he or she has spent about 15 years practicing and suffering dozens of injuries, traveled hundreds of thousands of miles from rodeo to rodeo, frequently with their toughest competition, who also happens to be their best friend.

Headlines never seem to carry news of a world-champion bull rider or calf roper beating up his wife or being arrested for molesting under-age girls. And they, too, have their groupies and some even have failed marriages, sad victims of the vagabond lifestyle necessary to follow the rodeo circuit.

They seem to know who their fathers are and most often seem to be married to the mothers of their children. They thank their families for their successes. So, I have to ask: What's wrong with being described as a "cowboy?" It seems to me to be high praise in a world full of folks with questionable moral standards,

Technicolor hair, bodies adorned with rings and tattoos in startling locations and no respect for anything of value or worth.

It seems our "cowboy" president is in some pretty good company. Sure beats being a Frenchman. Ride 'em.

## On The Lighter Side

### Death Bed

Ken was on his deathbed and grasped his wife's hand pitifully.

"Promise to fulfill my last request, Cindy," he said.

"Of course, Ken," his wife said softly.

"Six months after I die," he said, "I want you to marry Tim."

"But I thought you hated Tim," she said.

With his last breath, Ken said, "I do!"

### RIDDLE ANSWERS

1. Hawaii
2. Mt. Everest, it just wasn't discovered yet
3. Mom

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Q: How many star trek fans does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Illogical. We don't have such outdated devices anymore.

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### Advice for a happy marriage:

*Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, then comes good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays and I go on Fridays.*

### You May Be A Redneck If...

You keep a can of Raid on the kitchen table

You have a relative named after a Southern Civil War General

The taillight covers on your car are made of tape

Your favorite T-Shirt is offensive in 13 states

The best way for you to keep things cold is to leave 'em in the shade

**'til next month...Stay SAFFE & Happy Trails !**



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